**Cases pending with Department of Legal Affairs**

7053. DR. SHRIMATI RAMCHANDRA JICHKAR: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of cases pending in the Department of Legal Affairs as on the 1st April, 1994 where other Ministries have sought advice on matters including interpretation of the Constitution and the Law;

(b) what are the reasons for the cases remaining pending; and

(c) what is being planned for speedy disposal of such cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) 121 cases were pending in the Department of Legal Affairs as on 1 April, 1994.

(b) and (c) Of the total number of 1593 cases handled in the Department in March, 1994 1472 were disposed off in that very month. Out of the remaining 121 cases, 107 have since been disposed off. The remaining cases are still under examination and will be disposed off shortly.

**Benefit f Legal aid o poor**

7054. SHRI SURINDER KUMAR SINGLA: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number of poor people who have benefited during the last three years from the scheme of legal aid to poor;

(b) the total amount of money expended by Government on providing legal aid to the poor; and

(c) whether any improvement is being made in these schemes?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) As per information available with CILAS over, 20,66,000 poor people have benefited from the scheme of Legal Aid to the poor during the financial years 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94 in the country.

(b) The total amount of money expended by the Government on providing legal aid to poor is Rs. 35,19,821/- Rs 32,57;636/- and Rs. 29;00 000 during the financial years 1991-92, 1992-93 and 1993-94 respectively.

(c) The Legal Services Authorities Act, 1987 which is yet to come into force, enhances the income ceiling from Rs. 6,000/- to Rs. 9,000/- per annum for legal aid upto High Court and from Rs. 9,600/- to Rs. 12,000/- for Supreme Court ases.

**Members of company aw Board**

7055. SHRI GOVINDRAO ADIK: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether the present members of the Company Law Board are shareholders in any joint stock or private company;

(b) if so, what are the names of the companies in which they hold shares;

(c) whether these members had previously declared in advance about their interest in companies before assuming of such office and if so, on what dates; and

(d) what is the mechanism of monitoring such cases?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) A list showing names of companies in which members of the Company Law Board hold shares is attached herewith as a statement (*See* below).

(c) and (d) As per the recruitment rules of members of the Com-

pany Law Board, there is no requirement for them to disclose their investment in shares before assuming office as Member, Company Law Board. However, the members, being Government servants. are governed by the provisions of the Central Civil Services (Conduct) Rules, 1964, in respect of intimation regarding acquisition of movable/immovable properties.

**Statement**

*NAMES OF COMPANIS IN WHICH SHARES ARE HELD BY MEMBERS, COMPANY LAW BOARD*

(1) *Shri. S. Balasubramanian, Acting Chairman*

(Shares acquired before assuming office as Member, Company Law Board)

1. Standard Medical and Pharmaceutical Company Limited
2. Swadeshi Cement Limited
3. Indian Hotels Limited
4. Asian Hotels Limited
5. Reliance Industries Limited.
6. Shri Chakra Tyres Limited.
7. Saha Keil Limited.

(Shares acquired after assuming office as Member, Company Law Board)

8. State Bank of India.

(2) *Shri A. R. Ramanathan, Member*

(Shares acquired before assuming office as Member, Company Law Board)

1. The Andhra Pradesh Paper Mills Limited
2. Aluminium Industries Limited.
3. Avery India Limited.
4. Andhra Pradesh Rayons Limited.
5. Alfred Herbert India Limited.
6. Arihant Industries Limited.
7. Arihant Cotsyn Limited.
8. Allwyn Nissan Limited.
9. Andrew Yule and Company Limited.
10. Appollo Hospitals Limited.
11. Brooke Bond India Limited.
12. Bundy Tubing of India Limited.
13. Bhadrachalam Paper Board Limited.
14. Camphor and Allied Products Limited.
15. DCM Shriram Consolidated Limited.
16. DCM Toyota Limited.
17. DCM Shriram Industries Limited.
18. DCM Limited.
19. Escorts Limited.
20. Electrical Manufacturing Company Limited.
21. Excel Glasses Limited.
22. Elgi Tyre and Tread Limited.
23. Elgi Polytex Limited.
24. Eskayef Limited
25. Escorts Tractors Limited.
26. Elgi Auto Engineers Limited.
27. Flowmore Polyestrs Limited
28. G. L. Hotels Limited.
29. Glaxo India Limited.
30. General Electric Company of India Limited.
31. Goetze (India) Limited.
32. George Williamson Limited.
33. GTC Industries Limited.
34. Greaves Cotton and Company Limited.
35. Garden Silk Mills Limited.
36. Housing Development Finance Corporation Limited.
37. Hindustan Aluminium Corporation Limited.
38. Hindustan Everest Tools Limited.
39. Hindustan General Industries Limited.

40. Hindustan Lever Limited.
41. Harrison Malayalam Limited.
42. Indian Card Clothing Limited.
43. India Forge and Drop Stampings Limited.
44. Indo Asahi Glass Company Limited.
45. Indian Aluminium Company Limited.
46. ICI India Limited.
47. Indian Seamless Metal Tubes Limited.
48. Indo Gulf Fertilizers Limited.
49. Jyoti Limited.
50. J. K. Synthetics Limited.
51. Kothari Industrial Corporation Limited.
52. Jaypee Hotels Limited.
53. Karnataka Explosives Limited.
54. Kunal Engineering Company Limited.
55. Kirloskar Pneumatic Limited.
56. Kirloskar Warner Swasey Limited.
57. Lipton India Limited.
58. Lakshmi Precision Tools Limited.
59. Larson and Toubro Limited.
60. Mysore Petrochemicals Limited.
61. Mode Industries Limited.
62. Mangalam Cement Limited.
63. Mahavira Industries Limited.
64. Madras Petrochemical Industries Limited.
65. Mather and Platt (India) Limited.
66. Mandori Pellets Limited.
67. M and I Watches Limited.
68. Magna Fourdrinier Limited.
69. Madura Coats Limited.
70. Manali Petrochemicals Limited.
71. Nahar Fibres Limited.
72. Nu-ware (India) Limited.
73. Nestle (India) Limited.
74. Overseas Sanmar Financial Limited.
75. Porrits and Spencer (Asia) Limited.
76. Philips India Limited.
77. Pine Chemicals Limited.
78. Perfect Circle Victor Limited.
79. Padma Tex Engineering Limited
80. Polar Industries Limited.
81. Rollainers Limited.
82. Rainbow Steels Limited.
83. Reckitt and Coleman of India Limited.
84. Reliance Industries Limited.
85. Steel Complex Limited.
86. SRP Tools Limited.
87. Scooters India Limited.
88. Shriram Industrial Enterprises Limited.
89. Southern Petrochemical Industries Corporation Limited.
90 SPIC Electronics Limited.
91. SRF Limited.
92. SRF Finance Limited.
93. Sesha Sayee Paper and Boards Limited.
94. Shriram Transport Finance Limited.
95. Searle India Limited.
96. Samtel India Limited.
97. Southern Sea Crafts Limited.
98. Samtel Colour Limited.
99. Stepen Chemicals Limited.
100. Standard Industries Limited.
101. Tirumalai Chemicals Limited.
102. Tata Robins Fraser Limited.
103. Tri-Sure India Limited (Balmer Laurie Vanzeer Limited)
104. Tamil Nadu Petro Products Limited.
105. Titan Watches Limited.
106. Tata Chemicals Limited.
107. Usha Spinning and Weaving Mills Limited.
108. Utility Engineers (India) Limited.
109 Uniproducts Limited.
110 Usha Martin Industries Limited.

111. Vinod Paper Mills Limited.

112. Vani[illegible] Dyes and Chemicals Limited.

113. VST Industries Limited.

114. Vinayaka Synthetics Limited.

(Shares acquired after assuming office as Member, Company Law Board)

115. Daurala Organics Limited.

(3) *Shri C. B. Mehta, Member Company Law Board, Bombay*

Does not hold shares in any company.

**Review of Advocates Act, 1961**

7056. SHRI TULASIDAS MAJJI: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government propose to review the Advocates Act, 1961;

(b) whether such a suggestion has been made by the Bar Council of India or the Bar Council of any State:

(c) what are the names of the Bar Councils which have made such recommendations; and

(d) what is in brief, the nature of these suggestions?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) and (b) No, Sir.

(c) and (d) Do not arise.

Counsels appointed by Central Government in Bombay and Hyderabad High Courts

7057. SHRI G PRATHAPA REDDY: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) the number and names of Counsels hired and appointed by the Central Government in the various Benches of the Bombay and Hyderabad High Courts during the last three years;

(b) the total amount paid as fees to each of them during the same period;

(c) whether any evaluation of their performance has been done; and

(d) if so, what are the findings thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF LAW, JUSTICE AND COMPANY AFFAIRS (SHRI H. R. BHARDWAJ): (a) The information is furnished in Statement-I (*See* below).

(b) A statement showing the amount of fees paid to each of the Government counsel who appeared before the High Court of Bombay at Bombay during the past three years is given in Statement-II (*See* below). As regards the cases before the Benches at Aurangabad, Goa and Nagpur of the High Court of Bombay and before the High Court of Andhra Pradesh at Hyderabad, the fees are paid directly to the Government counsel by the concerned Ministries/Departments/Government Organisations who engage the counsel and this Department does not maintain the details of such payments made to the counsel.

(c) and (d) The performance of the panel counsel is reviewed from time to time and, based on such reviews, necessary action for the continuance, upgradation or removal of the counsel, is taken up by the Department.

**Statement-I**

*Names of the counsel appointed during the last three years before the high Courts of Andhra Pradesh and Bombay.*

| S.No. | Name of the High Court | Name of the Counsel |
|---|---|---|
| 1 | High Court of Andhra Praesh, Hyderabad | 1. Shri I. Koti Reddy. |
| | | 2. Shri Prahlad Reddy. |